



City of Asheville, NC

Finance Department

Minutes

Finance Committee
May 16, 2008

Present: Councilwoman Holly Jones, Councilman Brownie Newman,
Councilman Bill Russell
Staff: Tony McDowell, Cheryl Heywood, Chief Grayson, Ron Kerns,
Audran Stephens

- **Approval of Minutes from 4/1 and 4/30 Meeting**
 - Motion to adopt minutes was made by Councilman Newman, seconded by Councilman Russell and carried unanimously.
- **Wholesale Water Rates** (Ron Kerns and Audran Stephens)
 - The Committee approved staff recommendation of a 3% rate increase effective July 1 for all wholesale customers. The committee would like to review wholesale rates early next fiscal year to discuss further rate increases.

Action Items:

The Committee asked Water department staff provide them with the following information:

1. Is Weaverville is capable of supplying Woodfin with more water if Weaverville were to give them a better rate than the City charges?
 2. How much wholesale customer rates have gone up in the last 5 years.
 3. Educate council on this issue prior to the Council meeting on 6/24.
- **Fire Inspection/Permit Fees**
 - The committee approved of staff recommendation with the exception of the Industrial customer inspections. Committee recommended that inspections be performed according to state requirement, which is once every two years.

Action Item:

1. Tony McDowell will make arrangements for Chief Grayson to speak to the full council about the new fire inspection fee structure.

- **Proposed Draft of Revised Outside Agency Policy**

- The committee approved of the revised policy with the following changes:
 - The committee would like to put a restriction on the board memberships stating that you can not be on an outside agency board if you are a member of Council. Staff was asked to look into how the county has worded it in their policy and bring the information to the committee for their review.
 - Change the wording under ‘Policy’ under the second paragraph, second sentence to read:
“The City does participate in programs that provide grant funds to agencies, such as CDBG, and agencies interested in grant funds should contact CDBG staff about the availability of CDBG funds”.

- **Meeting Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.